



# MEETING SUMMARY

Steering Committee / Planning Partner Kick-Off (Meeting #1)

October 29, 2024

10:00 – 11:50 a.m.

## Attendance

### Steering Committee Member

Rae Bell Arbogast

Tom Archer

Danielle Bradfield

Vickie Clark

Magdalene DeBerg

Paul Douville

Billy Epps

Kathy Fischer

Mike Fisher

Victoria Fisher

Steve Folsom

Joe Griffin

Scott Hall

Lee Kiobasa

**Rick Maddalena (Chair)**

Jeff McCollum (alt.)

Sue McIlravy

Tina Slowan-Pomeroy

Sean Snider

Bruce Troedson

Janet Drummond (alt.)

**LeTina Vanetti (Vice Chair)**

### Representing

Alleghany County Water District

Pliocene Ridge Community Services District

Sierraville Public Utility District

Sierra County Fire Safe Council

Family Resource Center (FRC)/Food Bank

Inc. Senior Citizens of Sierra County/Meals on Wheels/Food Bank

Downieville Public Utility District

Sierra County

Downieville Day Spa

Sierra County Sherriff's Office

Eastern Plumas Health Care Board

Downieville Fire Protection District

USFS Leadership Tahoe Forest

Sierra City Fire Protection District

Liberty Utilities

Sierra County Fire Protection District #1

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City of Loyalton

Sierra County

Sierra-Plumas Joint Unified School District

Sierra County Waterworks Calpine District No. 1

Sierra County OES

### Black & Veatch

Rob Flaner, Project Manager

Megan Brotherton, Lead Planner

Carol Baumann, Risk Assessment Lead

Erin Schanen, Planner

### Additional Attendees

Brandon Pangman, Sierra County Building/Planning

Bryan Davey, Sierra County Public Works

Kaylon Hall, Sierra County Public Works

Sarah Murdock, Cal OES Inland Region Response Operations



### Agenda Item and Summary

1. Introductions	
2. Hazard Mitigation Planning Overview	<p>Hazard Mitigation Plans (HMPs) protect and help communities become more resilient. Eligibility for grant funding. Large focus by FEMA on community outreach during planning process.</p> <p>A stand-alone public meeting will be held in the Spring. No regular public meetings will be held during the winter months due to dangerous traveling conditions throughout the County.</p> <p>Draft Plan will be submitted to Cal OES in late Spring for review before it will be submitted to FEMA.</p>
3. Role of the Steering Committee	<p>Monthly Steering Committee meetings, as needed, will help provide input on key planning milestones. Meetings are open to the public.</p>
4. Meeting Ground Rules	<p>Decisions will be made by consensus.</p> <p>Rick Maddalena was volunteered by the group to be the Chairperson, which he accepted after the meeting.</p> <p>LeTina Vanetti offered to be the Vice-Chairperson. All present were in agreement.</p> <p>Quorum will be 3 Steering Committee members.</p> <p>Alternate members will be able to have the same decision-making authority.</p> <p>A representative from Sierra County OES will serve as the spokesperson.</p> <p>Members of the public are encouraged to attend these meetings. They may make a comment on agenda items for up to 3 minutes.</p> <p>Meetings will typically be held on the last Tuesday of each month between 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.</p>
5. Planning Partner Expectations	<p>All Planning Partners are expected to complete a 2-phase annex development process with guidance from the consultant team. Phase 1 will be in January-February 2025. Phase 2 will be in February-March.</p> <p>Planning Partners should attend mandatory meetings, participate in public outreach efforts as requested, develop mitigation strategies for their annex, and adopt the approved plan at the end of the process.</p> <p>One additional Planning Partner was added to the original list: Sierra-Plumas Joint Unified School District.</p> <p>The hospital district was not included due to no facilities in Sierra County.</p>
6. Confirm Hazards	<p>Natural hazards were confirmed by consensus as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Avalanche</li> <li>2. Dam Failure</li> <li>3. Drought</li> </ol>



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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>4. Earthquake</li><li>5. Extreme Heat</li><li>6. Flood</li><li>7. Landslide/Mass Movement</li><li>8. Volcanic Activity</li><li>9. Wildfire</li><li>10. Winter Storms</li></ol> <p>Other hazards of interest were confirmed as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Cybersecurity</li><li>2. Mass Gatherings</li><li>3. Transportation Hazards</li><li>4. Wildlife &amp; Human Interactions</li></ol>
11. Public Outreach Strategy	Public outreach includes information posted on the County website, a public survey, and meetings the public can attend including one stand-alone meeting.
12. Next Steps	Next Steering Committee/Planning Partner meeting will be held on January 28, 2025.